

**Executive Committee
October 21, 2009
11:30 p.m.
Middlesex Chamber of Commerce
393 Main Street
Middletown, Connecticut**

Draft Pending Approval - Minutes

Present Michael Price-Chair (via phone), Arthur Diedrick, Bruce Fraser, Helen Higgins, Larry McHugh, and Ted Yudain

Excused: Carolyn Cicchetti, Fritz Jellinghaus, and Clem Roy

Staff: Leigh Johnson (recording), and Karen Senich

Guests:

I. Call to Order

Larry McHugh called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the July 22, 2009 Minutes.

A motion was made by Bruce Fraser, second by Helen Higgins to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2009, Executive Committee meeting as circulated. (Y-3, N-0)

III. Action Items

A. *A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved twenty Local Arts Agency Cultural Leadership grants.* (Y-3, N-0)

B. *A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved five Peer Advisor Network Field Service Agreement grants.* (Y-3, N-0)

C. *A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved two grants to support the Arts Division's Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools Mentor Program.* (Y-3, N-0)

D. *A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved nine Creative Collaboration grants (eight fully funded and one partially funded).* (Y-3, N-0)

E. *A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved a non-matching grant to Saint Joseph College, Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, to support the planning and implementation of Connecticut's 2010 Poetry Out Loud program.* (Y-3, N-0)

F. A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved 145 grants for FY 2010 Organizational Support Program . (Y-3, N-0, A-3, Commissioners: Yudain for Curtain Call, McHugh and Price for Goodspeed Musicals)

G. A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Helen Higgins, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture and Tourism approved the tourism district budgets for October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009. (Y-3, N-0)

IV. Other Business

Karen Senich provided an update on the legislative language passed pertaining to the districts, the reduction of five districts down to three, CCT's required responsibilities to the districts and the legislature. An update was also provided on the establishment of a CCT Foundation.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee to be determined.

Motion to adjourn – all were in favor.